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#### IN THE COURT OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE AT KARAIKAL

Present: Dr. N. Vasantha Kumar, I.a.s.,

District Magistrate, Karaikal.

M.C. No. 1, dated 31-3-2009

### Order under section 144 Criminal Procedure, 1973

Sub: District Magistrate, Karaikal-General Elections to Lok Sabha 2009-Restrictions on possession of arms during elections-Prohibitory Orders under section 144 of the Criminal Procedure, 1973 Orders- Issued-Reg.

Read: The Order No. 464/96-L&O/PLN-1, dated 13-3-1996 of the Election Commission of India, New Delhi.

Whereas, the Election Commission of India has announced on 2-3-2009, that election for the Puducherry Parliamentary Constituency will be held on 13-5-2009 and soon after this announcement of the Election Schedule, the Model Code of Conduct has came into force with immediate effect;

And whereas the Election Commission of India, issued instructions that District Magistrate, shall make a detailed and individual review and assessment of all licensed arms holders, so that licensed arms in those cases, where they consider it essential are impounded in order to ensure maintenance of law and order so essential for ensuring free and fair elections;

And whereas the Election Commission of India, also instructed that prohibitory orders under section 144 of Crimal Procedure, 1973, shall be issued banning the carrying of licensed arms as soon as an election is announced and should be effective till the declaration of results:

And whereas it appears to me that carrying of fire arms, spears, swords, sticks, brickbats, lathis and other weapons by the public during the election period, is likely to lead to a breach of peace threat to peaceful conduct of elections in the District of Karaikal of Union territory of Puducherry;

And whereas in my opinion, there is sufficient ground for proceeding under section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, to prohibit the action mentioned in paragraph (4), which may be detrimental to public peace and tranquility and may pose threat to peaceful conduct of free and fair elections;

And whereas all the Station House Officers, shall make a detailed and individual review and assessment of all licence holders and all the arms licence holders shall deposit their weapons with the nearest Police Station immediately and in case, if the individual licence holder fails to deposit their arms the Station House Officer shall impound it. The Station House Officer shall furnish a detailed report on such deposit and seizure;

And whereas this ban shall not be applicable to those communities, who are entitled to display weapons by long standing law, custom and usage and also to those nationalised/private banks, where arms necessary to safeguard cash chest. However, individual exemption order shall have to be obtained immediately;

Now, therefore, I, Dr. N. Vasantha Kumar, I.A.S., District Magistrate, Karaikal, do hereby prohibit possession and carrying of fire arms of any kind, spears, swords, sticks, brickbats, lathis, stones and other weapons by the general public in the District of Karaikal with effect from 31-3-2009 to 28-5-2009.

Dated 31st day of March 2009.

Dr. N. Vasantha Kumar, I.a.s., District Magistrate.

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